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Amendment and Response to Office Action

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, beginning on line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

B ¹ This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application number 09/371,747 filed on August 8, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,395,716, which claims priority to U.S. provisional application number 60/096,110, filed on August 10, 1998 and U.S. provisional application number 60/131,352, filed on April 28, 1999. *~*

B ² Please add the following paragraph as a new paragraph at the end of page 9.

B ² *N* The term EC₅₀ refers to the concentration of nucleoside necessary to inhibit the replication of virus by 50%. *N*

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